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 For: ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA :  
 DERIVED FRIGIDA GENE :  
 CONFERRING LATE FLOWERING :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**In the specification:**

At page 1, line 1, please amend the title to read:

--ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA DERIVED FRIGIDA GENE CONFERRING LATE FLOWERING--

At page 1, after the title, please insert the following priority claim:

--The present application is the U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB00/00197 filed January 25 2000 which claims priority to GB 9902660.1 filed February 5, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. §119(e), the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.--

**In the claims:**

3. A nucleic acid as claimed in claim 1 which comprises an FRI nucleotide sequence which encodes the polypeptide of Fig. 6.

7. A nucleic acid as claimed in claim 5 wherein the variant sequence is an FRI allele.

8. A nucleic acid as claimed in claim 5 wherein the variant

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